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## ERIN'S BEAUTIFUL ABBEY OF THE TRUE CROSS



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**HOLY CROSS ABBEY, COUNTY TIPPERARY.**—This beautiful and romantically envired monastic ruin is situated on the verdant bank of the charming River Suir, about eight miles almost due northward from Cashel. The foundation of this once magnificent temple is usually credited to Donald O'Brien, surnamed the Red, King of Limerick, who built it for a community of Cistercian monks in 1182. The abbey is of cruciform design, gothic in character and contains many ancient tombs elaborately carved, and other objects of great interest to the curious. It was called the Abbey of the True or Holy Cross, because, in 1110, Pope Pascal II. presented a portion of the True Cross, about two and a half inches long by half an inch in width, to Murrough, or Murtoigh O'Brien, Ard Righ (High King) of Ireland, great grandson of King Brian of Kinkora, popularly called Brian Boru, who expelled the Danish power from the island at the battle of Clontarf, in 1014, himself falling in the very moment of victory. The relic, richly gemmed and enclosed in an archiepiscopal cross, is said to be still in existence, although it has been frequently imperiled since the Reformation. Edward Bruce, crowned King of Ireland, visited the abbey in 1316, while en route to Cashel, and the great Hugh O'Neill worshiped there in 1599.



## CLARE

Written for All Ireland by Hon. P. Boland.

Clare is one of the maritime counties of Ireland and is bounded on the south by the broad estuary of the Shannon, which separates it from Kerry and Limerick, the Shannon also marks its eastern limits to a point a little beyond where that river broadens into Lough Derg above the town of Killaloe, Galway lies immediately to the northeast and Galway Bay and the restless turbulent Atlantic bring us back to the mouth of the Shannon at Soap head and complete the limits of the county.

In olden days Clare was called Thomond or Tuadmion (North Munster) but the limits of Thomond, however, were somewhat more extended than those of the modern County Clare. Thomond was what was called "The O'Briens' Country." It was part of the territory ruled over by the hero of Clontarf Brian Boroihme the "Great Monarch of Ireland." His palace was at Kincora near Killaloe on the banks of the Shannon. Enough remains of the defensive earthworks of this palace at the present day to indicate where it stood when Brian the Brave was in the heyday of his power and glory. Sometime about the year 1565 the county was made part of Connaught and was then named Clare it is supposed after an English carpet bag lord who had been granted at one time, by the English Government, as much land as he could take from the Irish. He maintained a miserable existence for a while but history does not record that he ever grew fat on the lands he took, for he returned as he came. It is evident from this that our ancient enemy was quite as clever at donating gold bricks in the past as she is to-day. Clare was kept practically free from foreign interference whether Danish, Anglo-Norman or English for a long period and was one of the last counties to be "tranquilized." The O'Briens maintained to the last their rights as chieftains of Thomond and their final submission was the result of a compromise though not such a one as Brian Boroihme would have countenanced were he alive.

Clare has at all times been a thorn in the side of the British. It was from Clare that the great Dan was returned to Parliament to wrest from an unwilling House the rights of Catholics to worship God in their own way, as fell as the right to any legal resistance whatever, in a civil way. Our southern neighbor Kerry had the honor of being the birthplace of Daniel O'Connell, but the honor of returning him to Parliament in the face of every form of intimidation belongs to Clare and Clare has always been proud of it. In this contest priests and people stood solidly together and they yet tell stories of how Father Tallant worked and fought for the election of the Liberator. O'Con-

nell was ably supported in this fight by Richard Lalor Shiel against his opponent Vandelew. In the duel with d'Esterre the celebrated "Fireball McNamara" of the Clare McNamara's was his second and we all remember the venerable figure of "The O'Gorman Mahon" also returned by County Clare to Parliament. Those who study Gaelic do not all, probably, know that Eugene O'Curry whose work on the ancient manuscripts of Ireland has done so much for Gaelic was a native of Clare. The grandfather of Marshall McMahon president of the French Republic was a native of Carrigaholt, in the west of Clare.

The antiquities of Clare both ecclesiastical and military are numerous and highly interesting. The remains of many abbeys and religious houses still exist. About twenty are known in all but some by name only. Clare has one of the finest specimens of monastic architecture in all Ireland and a fine specimen exists at Concomroe. The Round Tower on the island of Scatterry in the estuary of the Shannon about four miles from the port of Kilrush and the remains of about seven churches on the same island have a special attraction from their connection with Saint Senanus the founder. The tomb of the saint is said to be on the north shore of the island completely submerged except at very lowest tides. This, however, is merely a tradition. Ancient inscriptions are on many of the tombs and of a form which I have since recognized in O'Curry's manuscripts. On this island was fought one of the bloodiest battles of ancient times in Ireland. It put an end to all further Danish invasion of Clare, not one got away.

In a military way there are the ruins of 107 fortified castles, but many of these were merely strong dwellings used for defensive purposes. The chief one is Burathy Castle built in 1277 on the Shannon near Limerick. There are a great many Rathes or Danish forts scattered all over the county consisting mostly of circular entrenchments of either earth or stone surrounded occasionally by ditches and in many cases having subterranean chambers. These generally occupied strong defensive positions and strange to say, though easily levelled, these "forts" as they are now locally called, are permitted to remain intact, notwithstanding that they occupy considerable ground in the midst of fertile fields and add materially to the labor of cultivating the land. Their preservation is due to a general feeling that they are of mysterious origin and that it is "unlucky" to interfere with them. They are a source of terror to the youth of the county after dark and indeed many a grown-up person gives them a wide

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birth after nightfall. The fireside tales of fairies and crocks of gold usually center round these old forts, and their guardian spirits have secured a bad reputation.

It is wisest after all that these old milestones of time should be preserved, the contemplation of these works of long ago, of these evidences of the past history, turbulent and tempestuous cannot but endear the old land to us and make us reverence and respect the ancestors who fought for their God and their country through so many centuries, against so many different nations of invaders. Nor has their fight been in vain, they have preserved their distinctive character, they have made Irish out of the English who came to try and rule them, they have preserved their faith, when their more powerful neighbor shamelessly surrendered it, and with a successful revival of the old tongue, will have the basis of a living breathing nationhood. Clare is one of the most Catholic counties of Ireland if indeed not the most. Over ninety-three per cent. of the people are of that faith, and there is scarcely any friction between them and those of other persuasion.

The present inhabitants of Clare, in their customs, manners and general characteristics do not differ materially from those of the dwellers in other parts of the south and southwest of Ireland. They are Irish clean through, generous to a fault, ever ready to help each other or indeed the passing stranger, and good, honest, faithful workers. The early summer sun is

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## ✿ THROUGH THE EMERALD ISLE ✿

### LEITRIM.

County Leitrim Booth has a great many new attractions this week, among them being a handsome picture worked with the needle, representing Blarney Castle, the harp and Maid of Erin. Leitrim will have its evening at home to-morrow night, when the ladies of Leitrim hope to see not only their own friends but every man and woman from Leitrim in San Francisco. An elaborate programme has been prepared for the celebration of this county and the entertainment of its friends and patrons.

### LIMERICK.

Everything in Limerick County is beautiful and the same must be said of everything in Limerick Booth, from the ladies to the articles on display. Some things are more beautiful than others and the scarf worked by Father Casey's sister in Presentation Convent is a thing of beauty—a specimen of Irish handiwork.

Father Butler, with a party of six other priests from the "old sod," met Father Kentrel and his brother, who is also a priest and, like his brother, comes from San Rafael, in Limerick Booth and when the band struck up "Beautiful Limerick," the memories of their old county by the River Shannon came back and all danced and sang.

### DUBLIN.

The ladies of Dublin are most enthusiastic over their coming celebration, which will be held on to-morrow evening. It goes without saying that Dublin will draw a large crowd on this occasion, for there is hardly a Leinster man who has not some soft spot for the capital of Ireland. The latest addition to the booth is a fine oil painting of Rev. Peter C. Yorke, which is offered at raffle. The oyster cocktail stand has been removed from the booth to make room for other attractions, and it can be found at the entrance, or, to be correct, at the St. Lawrence gateway. Visitors should get a Dublin oyster cocktail at the Drogheda gate.

### GALWAY.

No visitor to the Fair should leave without stepping off at Athlone, as it were, and walking around Galway, for there is much in the big county to interest, notably relics from the old land, and pictures of celebrities. Galway is making a proud showing, for which the following are entitled to mention in ALL IRELAND: Mrs. William Molloy, Mrs. J. S. Fennell, Miss Mary Wood, John Caen, Miss Anne Morrissey, Mrs. William Fahey, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. William Ward, Miss Florence Vandalen, Miss Nellie Greany, Miss Nora Garrity, Miss Mamie McDermott, Miss Mollie Moroney, Miss Kate McDermott, Miss Elsie Moroney, Miss Nellie Keating, Mrs. Cavanaugh, Miss Gertrude Norton, Miss Mamie Norton, Mrs. O. Keating, Mrs. Martin Ward, Mrs. Mahon,

Mrs. McQueen, Mrs. McKeever, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Delehanty, Martin Touhey, Edward Kelly, William Molloy, William Fahey, John Fay, P. F. Green, M. J. Hession, William Murphy, Thomas Morrissey, William Mulvin, J. S. Fennell, Martin Lacey, John Mannix, William J. Connelly and Thomas Cannon.

### KINGS.

The reception given in Kings County Friday evening was one of the most delightful social events of the festival. It was in charge of these ladies, who are deserving of praise for their successful efforts: Mrs. Rose Hanley, president; Miss Mary Conroy, secretary; Dennis Kelly, treasurer; Miss Sarah Jolly, Mrs. Annie Vanderwhite, Miss Nora Hollaron, Miss Ethel Murphy, Miss Annie Winterson, Miss Katie Feeney, John Stanton, Bernard Jolly and John Porter, assistants.

### ACADEMY.

One of the many unnoticed novelties of the Fair is meeting with great success at the Academy Booth. It seems the ladies of the Academy, or the Sisters of Mercy in charge, hit upon the happy thought of raising innumerable tiny pots of shamrock—the real Irish shamrock brought from Ireland and subdivided by intelligent gardeners. These pots may be seen bordering the great Map of Ireland in the gallery, and standing in clusters throughout the island but there are many more to be had for a trifle at the Academy Booth. This feature is in charge of Miss Reuf, who can be seen at her stand every night at the foot of the booth, disposing of the little thumb pots of shamrock, which in the vernacular, go like hot cakes.

The contest for the beautiful silk Irish flag under the supervision of Mr. David Goggin, vice-president of the Academy Booth, is beginning to wax warm. To the Irish society receiving the greatest number of votes will be awarded this beautiful gift.

Each afternoon and evening delicious ice cream is served at the booth by Miss Theresa Harkins. The Academy ice cream garden is one of the attractive spots in the Fair. Two beautiful cushions, the handiwork of Miss Harkins, are exhibited in the booth.

### LONGFORD.

Oil paintings are in fact becoming common at the Fair, so many of them are coming in from day to day. Now Longford has a beautiful painting of old Blarney Castle, donated by Father Brady, and it certainly adds to the general interest in the booth. The usual crowd thronged Longford Saturday evening, and the ladies in charge were pleased with visitors from the county. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Meegan were among the visitors, and like others they were liberal in their patronage of their favorite county.

### ROSCOMMON.

Mr. Casey, father of Michael Casey, Commissioner of Public Works, pre-

sented Roscommon Booth with a tongs that is over one hundred years old. The tongs is very rare and highly prized. The gentleman is eighty-five years of age and has had the tongs since he left his native land. It is worth looking at. The ladies of the Roscommon Booth will be pleased to show it to their friends.

### WESTMEATH.

This booth was well patronized Saturday evening. Among the visitors were Mr. P. J. Greany, from Menlo Park and Mr. P. Campun. Westmeath will have its evening at home next Thursday, the 15th, on which occasion a programme of much merit will be presented under the auspices of the ladies of Westmeath.

### MAP OF IRELAND.

The Map of the Emerald Isle is the Mecca of all Irishmen and women, and others as well, who visit the Fair. Indeed a visit to the Fair would be a lost opportunity if one did not see this feature. It is situated on the gallery at the north of the pavilion. The visitor enters through a gate at the west side and passes around the map on an elevated platform from which a view is taken of the green island below. The mountains rise, as in all topographical maps, on an exaggerated scale in order to impress the spectator; the valleys lie between, with the rivers and lakes outlined in silver, and each county is indicated by a sod about two feet square taken from that county and brought here for the Fair. On these sods the green grass of the Emerald Isle is growing anew, while in some places the heather is again springing from the turf. Through the kindness of St. Peter's Academy the map is given a touch of peculiar interest by the addition of pots of real Irish shamrock. One may stand on the soil of his own land if he chose, and in this connection it is a pathetic sight to see the good old people show the intense love of the Celt for the soil of Ireland. The Committee announces that Mr. R. C. O'Connor will lecture on the map, on Kerry night, May 14th, describing all points of interest. The lecture will begin at 9:30 P. M. On this occasion the platform should be crowded.

### CAVAN.

One of the hits of the festival is made by Cavan Booth, and no wonder, since every lady in Cavan is a hostess in herself. Miss Mollie Riley, the vice-president, who has been out of the city, returned to her post Friday evening, and of course added to the pleasures of the Fair. Among the earnest ladies in Cavan are Mrs. A. Raihill, Miss Eleanor O'Mara, Miss Annie Cassels, Miss Alice O'Mara, Miss Mary Raihill, Miss Theresa Flynn and Mrs. K. Brady.

Visitors to Cavan Booth should not fail to see the beautiful cushions, the Battenburg lace, the China set, picture of Father Yorke and the Irish point lace handkerchief. This last is the work of Father Casey's sister who is a nun in Tipperary. Much of the executive work of the booth has fallen to

Miss Mamie Fitzpatrick, the treasurer. Her mother, Mrs. F. Fitzpatrick, is also a tireless worker, and no task is too great for her if only it is in aid of Cavan Booth.

On the evening of Thursday, the 15th, the entertaining of all visitors will be the part of Cavan Booth, that being its evening at home. A large crowd of Cavan people is expected to be present to testify their loyalty to Cavan. The entertainment has been placed in the hands of Misses Mollie Riley and Mary Raihill. They report having secured some excellent talent and a treat is certainly in store for those visiting Cavan Booth Thursday evening, when Mr. E. Lambert will make his first appearance at the Fair.

### LOUTH.

To see how big the smallest county in Ireland can make itself appear one need only look in at Louth Booth where the ladies filled with Irish zeal and the spirit of the festival succeed in making all visitors happy. The booth was thronged Saturday night, and Miss Hughes, the president, was consequently a busy hostess. Miss Ella Barrett, dressed in black lace over pink taffeta, was engaged in disposing of the jaunty car. Miss Goode was attired in tan crepe over blue silk, and Mrs. Mallon in black grenadine upon yellow.

### KERRY.

Situated in the center of the Fair, Kerry Booth is visited by thousands who are well repaid by the courteous hostess. The visitors Saturday included Fathers Clifford, Keane and Horn, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoyt. Miss Agnes Murphy looked lovely in white chiffon over taffeta and a black and white picture hat. Miss Emily Murphy was in pink chiffon, Miss Mollie McCarthy in white organdie with red roses, Miss Mae Regan was in white silk, Miss Cassie Murphy in white organdie. Mrs. Glavin received with becoming grace.

### LIMERICK.

The ladies of Limerick Booth were kept busy Saturday night disposing of some Limerick hams. A great many Limerick folk from the interior towns visited Limerick and viewed the stone on which the treaty was signed. From Vallejo came Mr. J. F. Savage, Mr. J. J. Collins, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. J. J. Dillon, Mr. Nunan and Rev. F. Quill.

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The Cross Roads have moved down  
stairs, to the right of the main  
entrance.

How the crowds are growing!  
Saturday night "walking room" was at  
a premium.

Dublin Booth was serenaded Satur-  
day evening. Tuesday night Dublin  
will be "at home," and will be pleased  
to see a large crowd attend the  
exercises.

The Art Gallery is still a great draw-  
ing card. Twelve thousand dollars  
worth of paintings are on exhibition.  
It's a sight worth going miles to see.

An automobile started on its career  
around the pavilion Saturday night.  
It's a delightful ride and only costs ten  
cents.

Columbia Circle of the A. O. H.  
Ladies Auxiliary is making a great  
fight for that Irish flag. They are to  
win, so the other societies had better  
look out.

## CLARE'S NIGHT AT HOME.

This is the evening set apart for  
County Clare to participate in the  
round of pleasures of the Fair festival.  
A large crowd is expected at the pavil-  
ion. Mrs. Mary Ryan and her assist-  
ants have arranged an attractive pro-  
gramme for the evening. The ladies in  
charge are: Mrs. Mary Ryan, presi-  
dent; Miss Jennie Malone, secretary;  
D. J. Ryan, treasurer; Miss Kathryn  
Flynn, Miss Kathryn Coleman, Miss  
Minnie Longan, Miss Effie Wren, Miss  
Margaret Moloney, Miss Julia Dono-  
van, Miss Margaret Flynn, Miss Annie  
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Nellie Coleman, Miss Eva Coleman,  
Miss Mary Foudy, Mrs. Malone, P. J.  
Madigan, C. D. Collins, J. Coleman  
and Mr. Crystle, assistants.

## PROGRAM OF THE FESTIVAL.

To-night will be Clare night. The  
League of the Cross will have its night  
this evening. The competitive drill  
between Companies A, H, I and L  
gives evidence of being a great feature.  
All of these companies are busily pre-  
paring for the contest, the trophy for  
which has been donated by Father  
Yorke.

## GUIDO GAZELLE

(The Flemish Revival.)

Written for "All Ireland" by Rev. J. A.  
Grant.

Guido Gazelle is unknown at the  
Irish Fair. He will not pass in at the  
Gate of St. Lawrence, nor pretend to  
notice that the Irish Fair profit by an  
odd occasion to make goo-goo eyes at  
shy youth's in attendance. But Father  
Gazelle was a knowing priest. Could  
he rise from his grave in the Flanders  
and come to the pavilion, he would be  
led by his knowledge of Ireland and  
the Irish, to think, as do the shy youth's  
when they borrow a nickle to go home,  
that the Irish Fair must be, all of them,  
of Sligo education.

Father Gazelle knew Ireland and the  
Irish and he studied the Celtic tongue.  
For that reason, but especially because  
his life and work are a lesson to the  
Clan-na-Gael, is a word about him in  
the columns of "All Ireland" welcome  
and opportune.

Father Gazelle was the prime-mover  
and life and leader of the Flemish Re-  
vival, which began in the middle of the  
last century in the Flanders and which  
is an accomplished fact today. He was  
born at Bruges in 1830 and died at  
Courtrai in 1899. He was a priest of  
the diocese of Bruges. It was in 1830  
that Belgium regained her indepen-  
dence from the Dutch. By the time  
that Gazelle grew into manhood, the  
Belgians had recovered from the delir-  
ium of new-gotten autonomy and were  
beginning to mould themselves into a  
separate and distinct people. But there  
was great diversity of opinion among  
their leaders and thinkers. Some were  
looking to France for ideas, others to  
Holland and others to Germany; nor  
need anyone wonder at that, for the  
Belgians are a mixed people. The  
Flemings are of the same race as the  
Dutch and speak a kindred language.  
The Walloons are French. The inhabi-  
tants of the lower valley of the Meuse  
and the people in the Ardennes Moun-  
tains are close to the Germans and look  
to them for thoughts to think and for  
words to express them. Of the three  
classes, the Flemings are the most num-  
erous for they form nearly half the pop-  
ulation of Belgium.

Gazelle began his work in 1854. At  
that time none of the Flemish leaders  
dreamed of looking to the Flemish  
themselves for ideas. They made no  
endeavor to maintain their language  
nor to educate the people in it. Of the  
two million Flemings, about one-half  
spoke no other language than Flemish,  
but of these, few could read or write it.  
The colleges and convents and schools  
were French. All who aspired to edu-  
cation tried to talk in that language.  
Flemish was deemed coarse and was  
handed over to a peasantry, whom wars  
had made illiterate and who as a Flem-  
ish-speaking people, were on the verge  
of extinction. Flemings, who did study  
Flemish, studied and wrote the lan-  
guage as it is spoken in Holland. They  
were really Dutch scholars and wrote a  
foreign Flemish.

## The Ould Plaid Shawl

Not far from old Kinvara, in the merry month of May,  
When birds were singing cheerily there came across my way,  
As if from out the sky above an angel chanced to fall,  
A little Irish *cailin* in an ould plaid shawl.

She tripped along right joyously, a basket on her arm;  
And, oh! her face, and, oh! her grace, the soul of saint would charm;  
Her brown hair rippled o'er her brow, her greatest charm of all  
Was her modest blue eyes beaming 'neath her ould plaid shawl.

I courteously saluted her—"God save you, miss" says I;  
"God save you, kindly sir," said she, and shyly passed me by;  
Off went my heart along with her, a captive in her thrall,  
Imprisoned in the corner of her ould plaid shawl.

Enchanted with her beauty rare, I gazed in pure delight,  
'Till round an angle in the road she vanished from my sight;  
But ever since I sighing say, as I that scene recall,  
"The grace of God about you and your ould plaid shawl."

I've heard of highway robbers that, with pistols and with knives,  
Make trembling travelers yield them up their money or their lives,  
But think of me that handed out my heart and head and all  
To a simple little *cailin* in an ould plaid shawl!

Oh! graceful the mantillas that the signorinas wear,  
And tasteful are the bonnets of Parisian ladies fair,  
But never cloak or hood or robe, in palace, bow'r, or hall,  
Clad half such witching beauty as that ould plaid shawl.

Oh! some men sigh for riches, and some men live for fame,  
And some on history's pages hope to win a glorious name;  
My aims are not ambitious, and my wishes are but small—  
You might wrap them altogether in an ould plaid shawl.

I'll seek her all through Galway, and I'll seek her all through Clare,  
I'll search for tale or tidings of my traveler everywhere,  
For peace of mind I'll never find until my own I call  
That little Irish *cailin* in her ould plaid shawl.

Francis A. Fahy.

Gazelle was a Flemish scholar and he them speak it well. Flemish, like Irish  
was a great poet. In this lay his pro-  
digious power. He used his talent as  
was pronounced differently in the var-  
a poet to fire the despised peasantry of  
ious parts of the Flanders. Gazelle and  
the land with love for their tongue and  
his school selected what was by common  
with pride for their race. He wrote  
judgment considered the best pronun-  
like Burns. His poems are short and  
ciation and labored to make it accepta-  
simple and full of human nature. The  
ble. Foreign words were banished rig-  
people learned them and learned their  
orously. The old Flemish classics were  
lesson. They saw the trend of events  
reprinted and circulated and many  
and understood what was being done to  
works in foreign tongues were trans-  
themselves and saw what was to become  
lated into the language of the people.

Reviews and newspapers, printed in  
Flemish, imbued the masses with a thor-  
ough national spirit. The Flemings, at  
the close of the century look to them-  
selves and to their own history for  
models and ideals in all things. The  
suicidal mania of self-depreciation in  
the presence of the stranger and his  
wares ceased to exist. The people are  
educated and the work is done.

Father Gazelle's task was achieved in  
forty-five years. It is complete. There  
are nearly three million people in Bel-  
gium today whose tongue and whose  
heart are Flemish and whose hands  
are raising up in Bruges, in Cour-  
trai, in many cities and towns in the  
Flanders, statues and monuments to  
commemorate the work and to perpet-  
uate the memory of Guido Gazelle, poet,  
patriot, priest.

When Gazelle got the people to speak  
their own speech he set to work to make



## Sgeulta Na h-Alonaighe

Joseph Strand wonders why he could not hit a single bullseye in the shooting gallery Friday night, especially after he had boasted to Thomas Behan and James Donahue that he could beat them two to one with the rifle. Strand threw down the gauntlet, and the trio gave up their work in the office of ALL IRELAND and hid themselves to the shooting gallery. The contest was an unequal one, for Behan and Donahue won right along. It was a mean trick they played on their opponent; they gave him blank cartridges.

Miss Agnes J. Bodkin visited the Fair Friday evening and patronized her friends in various booths.

Mr. Lawrence Cull, the representative of Leitrim on the staff of ALL IRELAND, says there is no county doing more than his own, even if it is not as big as Cork or Galway. He believes in staying by his own, and he is right.

P. H. McGarry, postmaster at Tarry, Fresno County, came all the way to San Francisco to see the Irish Fair. He says that a visit to the Map of Ireland more than repaid him for his trip, and he promises to send a delegation from the sunny San Joaquin Valley to take in this feature.

Miss Nellie Brown, Miss Margaret O'Brien and Miss Mazie O'Brien looked fascinating Saturday night.

Mrs. Bannon, Miss Mary Dunn and Miss Farrell sought rest for a few moments in the office of ALL IRELAND.

Assessor Dodge has posted a notice in his office requesting those of his deputies who can conveniently do so to take lunch at the Irish Fair. This is the busy season in his office and the doctor believes in having a well fed force of clerks to help during the rush and his faith in the menu offered at the Fair has promoted him to call upon his deputies to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

Among the visitors to Galway Booth were Mrs. M. Kerr and Mrs. Foley.

Mr. William J. O'Connor, the prominent announcer of Cavan Booth, has not missed a night since the Fair opened, so his dulcet voice is familiar all over the County Cavan. He tells visitors that the great Dublin Punch and Judy show is good for old folk as well as young, and everybody believes him, although the children are admitted for half price.

Mrs. F. A. Callahan of Cavan Booth is admired by her many friends for her tireless efforts in behalf of her county. Talk of county pride—there is nothing like it, and Mrs. Callahan is sure there is not.

The Fair has attracted Messrs. R. E. Queen, J. C. Queen and L. T. Queen, who spent an entire evening going from one county to another and taking in the amusements features in the galleries. They were so highly pleased with the festival that they declared it is worthy of many repeated visits. They are welcome to return, and frequently.

Mr. Thomas Behan visited the Map of Ireland, and deserted the editorial rooms of ALL IRELAND for an hour in Galway Bay.

Brother William was seized with the queer conceit of walking up the Shannon from Limerick to the lakes at its source, and thence across the country. Upon leaving he was ever so proud, declaring he had just arrived from the "Ould Dart," and did not care to talk to mere San Franciscans.

The Misses Emma and Kitty Albrecht are regarded by their friends in Academy Booth as two of the most enthusiastic young ladies in the cause of the festival, and their work proves the statement.

Peter J. McCormick has secured an elegant portrait of Mayor Schmitz which will be on exhibition at the Cavan Booth.

Mrs. Doyle and Miss Margaret Doyle were among the interested visitors.

Mrs. McDonough and her daughters are active workers for Kings County.

Misses Maria and Maggie Guilfoyle and Lottie McKnight saw everything at the Fair.

James O'Connor had a funny experience.

Miss Moriarty rode in the jaunting car.

George Keane and his friend were surrounded.

Dr. W. B. Coffey, chief surgeon of the United Railways Co., visited many booths.

Thomas O'Brien was observed trying to decide which to take of two tickets held up at the same time by two bewitching fair maidens.

Patrick Gray eagerly drank in the strains of "Dolly Gray" as played by the band.

Dave Kelly, sexton at the Mission Dolores, hurriedly took in the sights.

Rev. J. Stokes was present.

Cavan is preparing for their at home on the 15th. Madame Ellen Coursen-Roeckel will sing and some of the Columbia Minstrels will amuse.

The Misses Long of St. Charles took quite an interest in the Irish dances.

Pete Quirk chief of the mailing department is one of the hardest worked members of the ALL IRELAND staff.

J. K. Cosgrave of the "Evening Post" paid the Fair a visit Saturday night. Not once did he refuse when asked to "please take a chance."

Father Yorke spoiled a pleasant little tete-a-tete in County Clare the other evening. How Charley Collins did blush!

Clare will have a specially imported fortune teller on Monday night; Madame Whoshesky is her name and she's a wonder.

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never on the fields before them when the weather gives them a reasonable opportunity. They toil patiently, but they are not subservient, they try to meet the obligations imposed by landlordism and if the ungenerous climate at times prevents, it is not their fault. Idleness in the face of a task to be accomplished or a duty performed is unknown and from a religious and moral point of view they are far above the inhabitants of other countries. Education of the children is not neglected where at all possible and one wonders at the hardships little boys and girls go through in the country districts in order to attend school promptly and regularly. Twenty-five years ago I knew of no child over six years of age in my native town who did not attend school. This is also true to-day.

Much improvement has taking place in the methods of farming. Creameries have been established on the American plan for which they are indebted to returning Irish-Americans. A better system of financing is in operation among the farmers, doing away with usury, and wages have improved very much. Unfortunately the fisheries are still neglected owing to lack of capital, but from recent information I learn that this source of employment is receiving more attention, the heavy taxation on fishing weirs and nets having been reduced considerably. Quite a number of Bretons from the coast of Brittany in France have come over and settled there in the past few years which would indicate an improvement of conditions. The boats used in the fishing business on the coast and rivers are peculiarly constructed. Usually built for four men, they consist of tarred canvas stretched over a frame of slats, in these shells the fishermen face the storms of the west coast carrying their heavy nets or performing other duties. These boats are called "Curraghs." I never heard them called "Coracles" except in books.

I believe the people of Clare to be worthy descendants of their courageous ancestors and let us hope that the only rivalry between the counties of Ireland will always be, as intended by the Fair, in the direction of doing good, of being patriotic from principle and in advancing and glorifying by their acts

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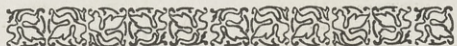
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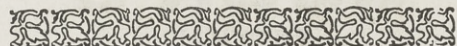


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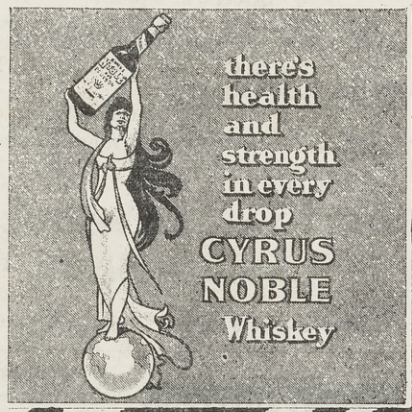
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